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The proposed settlement is not tough enough on Microsoft. The settlement has a number of known loopholes which will render it as ineffective as the previous attempts to curb Microsoft's power.

Microsoft has already shown a willingness to use its monopoly power to destroy competing non-profit projects (Linux, Samba, Kerberos, etc.; see <http://news.cnet.com/news/0-1003-200-4833927.html> where a Microsoft executive calls free software an "intellectual property destroyer"), yet the proposed settlement offers no protection for future non-profit software.

At the very least, the settlement should penalize Microsoft for the conduct that the court found illegal.

Please consider a settlement that is less favorable to Microsoft. Thanks for listening.

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